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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number: 10/021,498
	Filing Date: December 19, 2001
	First Named Inventor: Pierre AIMAR
	Group Art Unit: 1723
	Examiner: K. Menon
	Attorney Docket Number: 03715.0101
	Attorney Customer Number: 22,852



This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

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- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows: 01 FC:1801 770.00 0P
- i. ☒ \$770.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (One Month) \$110.00
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$880.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In reply to the final Office Action mailed September 11, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed March 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This Amendment is timely filed in light of the Notice of Appeal filed on March 11, 2004 and the Petition for one month extension of time filed herewith. The Amendment is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fulfills the requirements of a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper on page 4.